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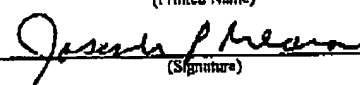
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

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Dear Examiner:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated May 12, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The period for response is set to expire August 12, 2006. Therefore, this response is timely filed and it is believed that no fees are due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this document.